

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Dessau Airfield

EVALUATION

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25X1

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16 July 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 31 May 1952, at least 38 aircraft were counted on the southern edge of Dessau airfield. On 7 June, [redacted] IL-10s at the field: [redacted] planes with white propeller hubs and white upper edges on their rudder assemblies; [redacted] two planes with yellow propeller hubs and white upper edges on their rudder assemblies.

2. At 1 p.m. on 31 May, positions were being dug in the southeastern corner of the field, in line with the property of the Sanar Iko Plant which was south of the railroad line. Six AA guns with gun shields were emplaced there on 7 June about 10:30 a.m. Six AA gun carriers were south of the emplacements. East of the emplacements there was a tent for about 30 M and a small tent for officers with six cots. **

3. At 7:30 p.m. on 6 June, 45 IL-10s were counted at the field. On 8 June, the number of aircraft was the same as on 6 June. Two aircraft were parked near the new repair hangar. On 13 June, the previously observed ground attack planes and a twin-engine plane with three-bladed propellers were parked at the field. Three platoons each of about 30 M were drilling on the field. Three boxcars stood on the spur track. Trucks and tank trucks were parked on the stand formerly used by the alert flight platform. At 3:40 p.m. on 16 June, portions of the field were flooded after a thunderstorm.

4. Anti-aircraft guns with gun shields were emplaced near the splinter-proof trenches on the southwestern edge of the field. Tents were observed 20 to 50 meters from these emplacements. Other tents were located on the northern edge of the field. **

5. On 10 June at 10:20 a.m., noon and 1:20 p.m., IL 10s landed at the field. At 2:20 p.m. on 11 June, an IL-10 plane was observed landing. On 14 June, 41 IL-10s and 2 biplanes were counted at the field. About 5 p.m. on 20 June, [redacted] 49 IL-10s, 25 of which were parked north and 24 south of the taxiway.

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6. About 5 p.m. on 20 June, [] six AA guns were emplaced at the 25X1 field. A sentry was posted next to a small tent.

25X1 7. On 14 June, [] emplacements with AA guns which had comparatively short barrels. On 11 June, a biplane was towing a sleeve target which was fired at by light AA guns. ** and ***

25X1 * [] Comment. It is known that the aircraft of the ground attack regiment at 25X1 Dessau airfield are marked by white upper edges on their rudder assemblies. The different colors on the propeller hubs indicate the individual squadrons of the regiment. []

25X1 ** [] Comment. For location sketch of the six AA guns on the southeastern edge of the field, see Annex. An AA battery of 6x37-mm guns was previously observed both on the northern edge of the field and south of the taxiway. See

25X1 25X1 *** [] Comment. The report generally confirms the previous information on the ground attack regiment stationed at Dessau airfield.

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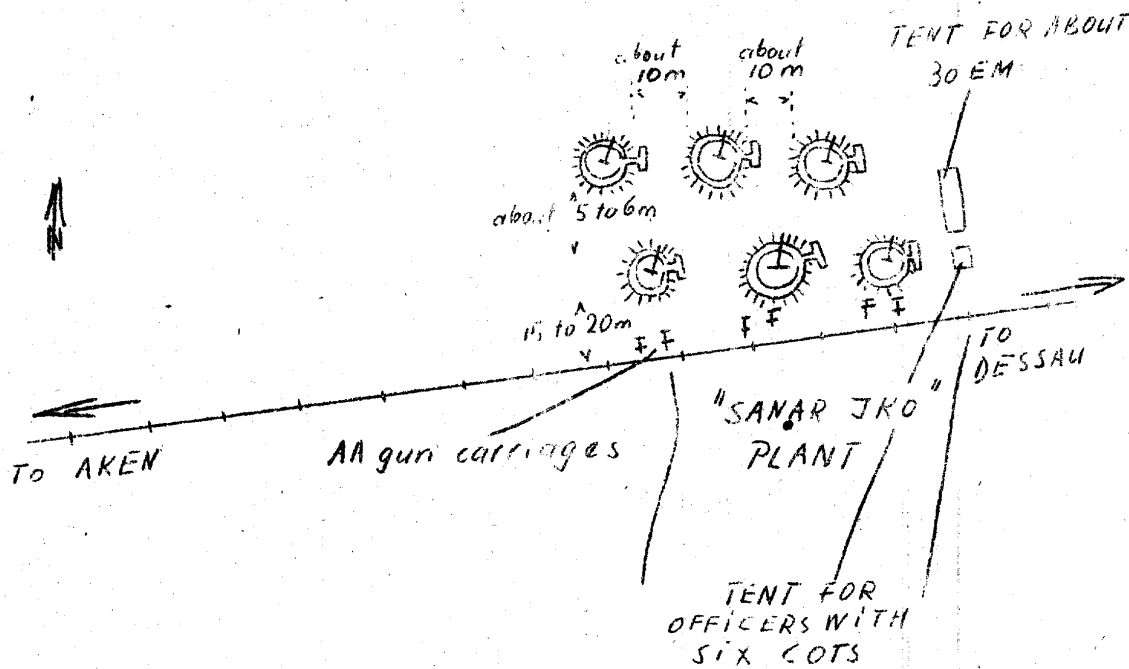
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Annex

Location Sketch of AAA Guns on Southeastern Edge of
Dessau Airfield

airfield



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